

## Implementation Committee Meeting

November 8, 2011

Present: Maureen Brown, Sara Smith, Kim Turner, Jen Guarasci, Sandy Leemet, Michelle DellaVentura, Kelly Forrest, Shari Allen

Absent: Sandy Miskolczi, Rachel Fischer, Andria Willick, Mary Malbon

Maureen welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending

Reviewed last meeting minutes.

Minutes accepted by Jen. G and seconded by Michelle D

Maureen reviewed the terms of reference once again as there are new members. All new committee members were given a copy of the terms of reference. Maureen asked if anyone had any questions? Question posed: What is quorum? Explained that it is half of voting membership.

Sara works weekends so she will give her personal email for us to send her the agenda so she can see it before the meeting.

Shari brought up an issue around Music Therapy in P.C. and there are two individuals who are currently going there. This is not meeting our current needs. We would like to pursue other options for them both.

Kim looked into other options such as Opry Niagara in Niagara Falls. Some barriers are around a person supported difficulties around beverages and roommate not wanting to go. We will start there and determine how she does. We may want to send a staff prior to this person going to note any barriers etc. then you can think about strategies to help overcome these barriers. (Kim will visit first). Zumba is going well. We will look into the possibility of an IPAD to assist with communication barriers. Kim will look into resources for this.

Also J.C. attends music therapy and we will look into other options for him; he has also been going to see live bands etc. on patios every weekend. He has been going to Karaoke at the Legion periodically. He would also love to take guitar lessons. The staff is also looking into taking him to a musical.

Kelly indicated that she feels they are a little stuck at Taylor Ave with participating in inclusive opportunities. It was explained a little more. Stepping forward is difficult. Maybe pick one person and work with that person. J.B. recently moved to Taylor Road. Possibly he would be interested in meeting his neighbours or giving back to the community. Try with one person and one opportunity and others will follow.

Dodd's Court has secured one new job placement at TimBR Mart and one volunteer placement is being explored at F.E. Public library. Community Supports dart team now has one person who is on an inclusive team. Bowling team has moved from Welland to inclusive teams in Fort Erie on Tuesday evenings. New supports in the community include a work training placement at Pet Valu. Volunteer placements at horse and pony rescue farm. A new mother was connected to Little Dippers swim program at the YMCA. New mother has assisted to connect her baby to Turtle Daycare and volunteer placements at Niagara SPCA.

They are looking into a co-op placement through Lakeshore Catholic at Boggio's Pharmacy and snow shoveling contract at Crystal Ridge Library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Next meeting date: January 10, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.